The Oral History

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Types of Oral History Interviews

- The Exit Interview (AR 870-5 p. 8-3)
- The Biographical Interview
- The Subject Interview
- The After Action Interview or Combat After Action Interview, (CAAI)

Recording an Interview Requirements

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- DA Form 7273-R (Access Agreement for Oral History Material
- Research the Mission and Classification Requirements
- Maintain Original Tapes and Transcripts
- Provide Copies of All Documents to CMH, CALL, and MHI

Recourses for Conducting Background Research

US Army Green Books

Operational Records

CMH & MHI Collections

Military Reference Branch, Nation Archives and Records Branch

National Personnel Records Center

Technique Options to Conducting an Interview

- Sound and Video recordings
- Transcribed Interviews
- Interview Notes and Memoranda

These techniques supplement but do not replace official documents

The Interview

- Prepare a question list
- Set the proper atmosphere
- Have proper and functional equipment
- Be Confident
- Ask direct questions
- Have interviewee explain acronyms and Jargons